

and institutions on a sure path to more successful American innovation.

In addition to these funding increases, my Science, Space, and Technology colleagues and I have identified important areas of interest that are addressed through new NSF programs and policies to better support our research efforts. Among others, this legislation finds creative ways to boost STEM education from PreK–12 education all the way through graduate school.

I am glad that this bill includes an amendment I introduced in committee to give emerging minority-serving institutions access to NSF funding through a merit-based process, to help them build their research capacity and help expose diverse student populations to STEM careers.

Though our STEM workforce is some of the most well-equipped in the world, our institutions continue to report drastically low numbers in workplace diversity.

Only one in 10 STEM workers are underrepresented people of color, a statistic that does not come close to the racial makeup of the United States.

These racial imbalances will not just go away with time. We must put forward serious and concrete solutions to ensure students of color have the same opportunities as their fellow peers to pursue their ambitions.

By directly funding these MSIs, which includes HBCUs, tribal colleges, Hispanic-serving institutions, and even some community colleges, we can expand their research capabilities and offer people of color more opportunities for a career in science and engineering.

Other efforts that I authored which are included in this package include helping ensure NSF funding is helping support critical and groundbreaking water research that can help address local and global water challenges, an effort I authored to help ensure that community colleges, which often serve diverse communities, can also better engage with the NSF, and finally, an effort, with Rep. YOUNG KIM, to address K–8 STEM education in our secondary schools. The earlier we can hook kids in STEM, the better.

This is a good bill and I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT GENERAL BRIAN D. BEAUDREULT, UNITED STATES MARINE

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Lieutenant General Brian David Beaudreault, United States Marine Corps, for his service to our great Nation and his family's faithful service as well. The theme of his distinguished career has been one of achievement with highest honors throughout his 38 years of unconditional service to the United States of America.

Lieutenant General Beaudreault is a second-generation Marine—his father, Rene, served in the Marine Corps in World War II. He was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in 1983 after graduating from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. In his 38 years as a Marine Infantry Officer, he has com-

manded at every level from the platoon to the Marine Expeditionary Force.

Over the course of his career, Lieutenant General Beaudreault has deployed in support of military operations in Somalia, East Timor, Iraq, and Pakistan. Notably, while in command of 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit in Iraq, his masterful leadership in combat helped change the balance of power in Al Anbar Province and accelerate the multi-national force's successful counterinsurgency fight. In various higher headquarters staff positions, including his time as the Marine Corps' Deputy Commandant for Plans, Policies, and Operations, Lieutenant General Beaudreault significantly impacted the Nation's military readiness to face challenges around the globe. We are all safer due to his selflessness and dedication.

Lieutenant General Beaudreault's final tour in the Marine Corps is as the Commanding General, II Marine Expeditionary Force (MEF), based at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. It is no easy task to command and care for over 40,000 Marines, Sailors, and their families, but Lieutenant General and Mrs. Beaudreault have excelled at it. During his time in command, II MEF has deployed forces in support of every Geographic Combatant Commander, achieved greater naval integration, and improved the MEF's readiness as a warfighting headquarters. Much of this occurred while II MEF was simultaneously dealing with the challenges of the COVID–19 pandemic. Lieutenant General Beaudreault's leadership during these challenging times is just one more example of the type of Marine that he is—one of the very best.

Over his years of faithful service, Lieutenant General Beaudreault has earned the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star, among other awards.

Lieutenant General Beaudreault has served 38 outstanding years in support of our beloved Nation and will retire on 8 July 2021. I am delighted to have this opportunity to recognize not only Lieutenant General Beaudreault, but his entire family for their undeniably incredible service to the U.S. Marine Corps and our great nation. Their sacrifice and dedication to our nation is truly remarkable. I wish him and his beloved wife, Karen, well as they embark on a new chapter in their lives. God bless the Beaudreaults, God bless the United States of America, and Semper Fidelis.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF DARLENE TALLENT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. WITTMAN. Madam Speaker, it is with deep sadness but great respect that I take this time to remember one of my constituents, Mrs. Darlene Agnes Tallent, of Chiltons, Virginia.

Mrs. Tallent passed away on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at the age of 74. Darlene was born and raised in Westmoreland County. She married her high school sweetheart, Joe Tallent, and together they raised their two daughters Kathleen and Lisa in Montross County.

Darlene spent her career working as the Westmoreland County Museum's Genealogical Library Assistant. She assisted countless re-

searchers, authors and visitors in her 25 years of employment by sharing her extensive knowledge on the history of Westmoreland County and helping others trace their heritage and connect with who and where they came from.

Therefore, Madam Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring the life of Mrs. Darlene Tallent, and applauding her contributions to Westmoreland County and the Commonwealth. On behalf of America's First District, we say thank you.

IN RECOGNITION OF DR. KENNETH H. COOPER

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 29, 2021

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kenneth H. Cooper, MD, MPH, Founder and Chairman of the Cooper Aerobics Center. Dr. Cooper turned 90 years-old on March 4, 2021 and is a life-long exemplary example for maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Having logged more than 38,000 miles running, he can often be found exercising with his wife, Millie, at the Cooper Aerobics Center. It is my privilege to commend him for his tremendous role in inspiring millions of people to exercise for their physical and mental good health over the course of his trailblazing 64-year medical career.

Dr. Cooper served 13 years in the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force, as a flight surgeon and director of the Aerospace Medical Laboratory. During his service, he developed the 12-minute and 1.5-mile fitness tests and the Aerobics Point System, used today by branches of the military, schools and organizations worldwide. In 1968, Dr. Cooper wrote his best-seller, *Aerobics*, where he coined a new word and submitted the official definition to the Oxford English Dictionary. In addition to *Aerobics*, Dr. Cooper has authored 18 additional books which have sold over 30 million copies and been translated into 41 languages and Braille. After retiring from military service in 1970, Dr. Cooper founded the Cooper Aerobics Center in Dallas, TX with the mission to explore the relationship between cardiovascular fitness, health and longevity.

Dr. Cooper's oratory skills have echoed in halls across the county and internationally in more than 50 countries. He attained iconic status in Brazil, having trained the 1970 Brazilian soccer team leading to their World Cup victory. In Portuguese, jogging is translated as "coopering". In Hungary, the national fitness test is named the "cooperteszt". In April 2013, Dr. Cooper attended the prestigious Boao Forum in China, serving as a forum panelist alongside a former Prime Minister of Australia and two Nobel Prize Laureates in Medicine.

I appreciate Dr. Cooper for his extraordinary pioneering efforts to improve the lives of Americans by positively impacting our diet. His collaboration with PepsiCo and their elimination of trans fats from its Frito-Lay snack line set an international example that other companies follow. For three years, the back of Baked Lays packages included this quote from Dr. Cooper, "Fitness is a journey, not a destination. It must be continued for the rest of your life."